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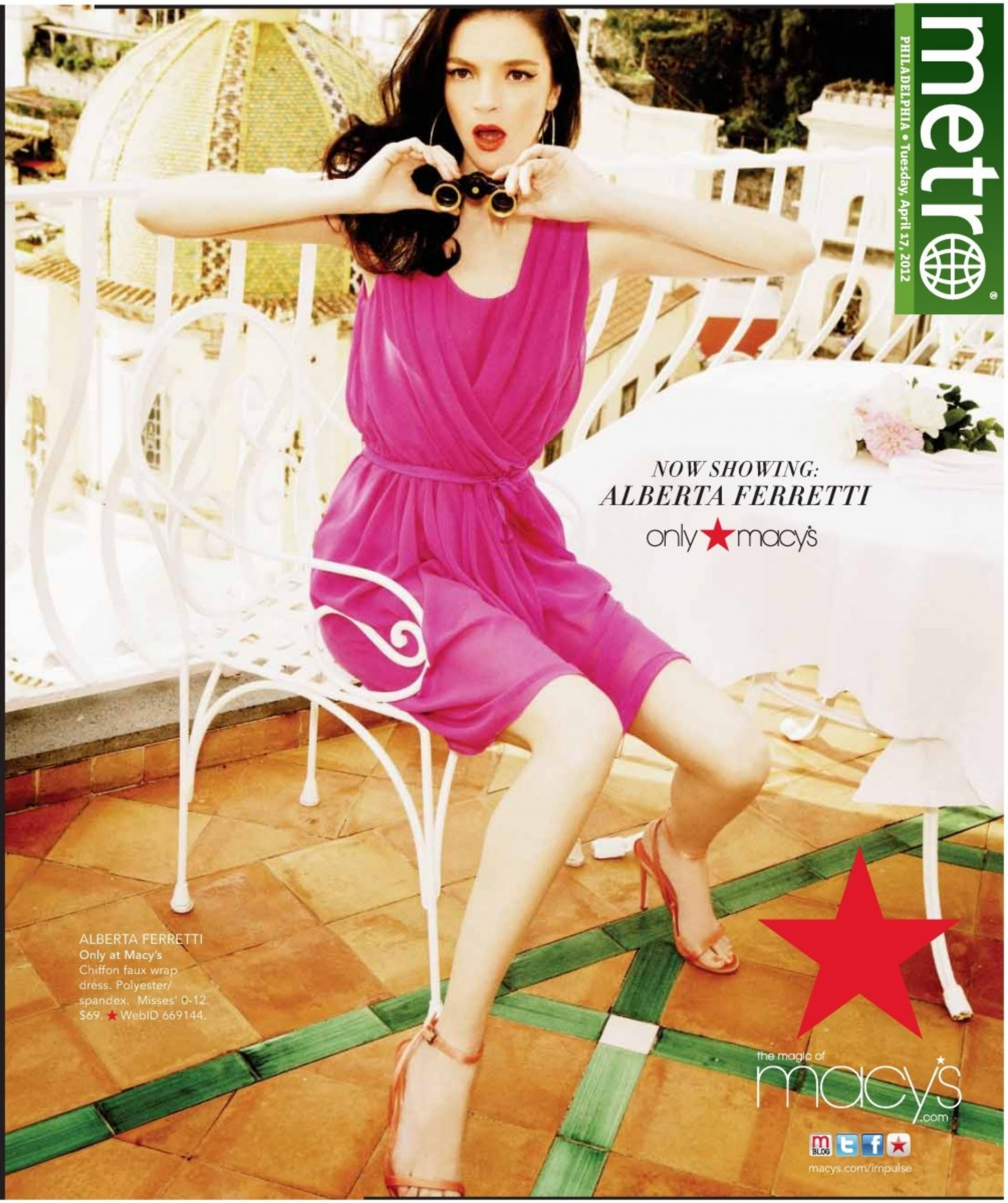

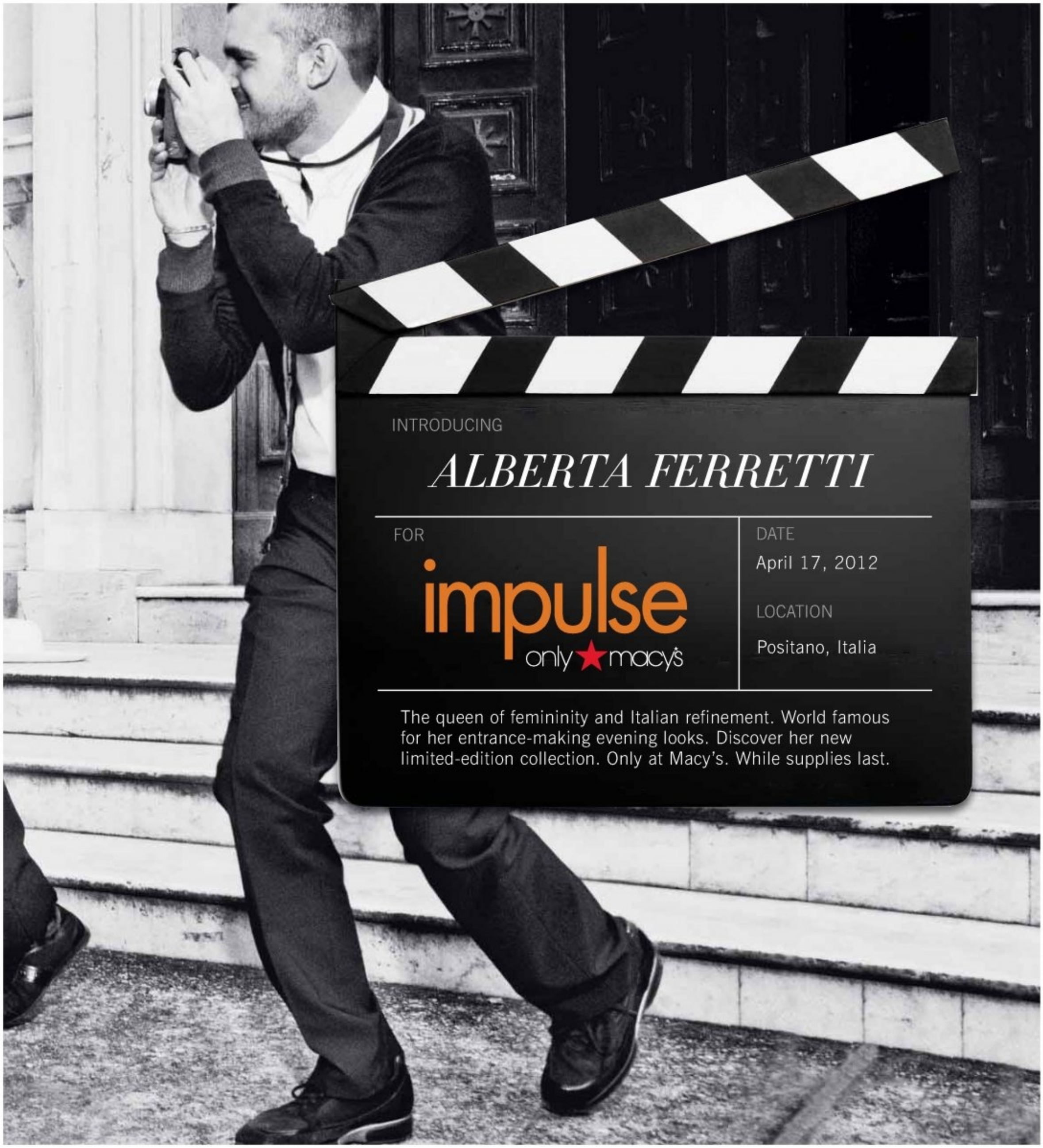
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▶ Jayden and Cynsere McClendon, 2 and 4, died early yesterday along with their mother.

# Man's father, fiancee, kids die in another massive blaze

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# LGBT 'dream' realized

## One of first apartment buildings in country dedicated to aging LGBT community announced for South 13th Street Triumph for LGBT leader Mark Segal, who sought funding for years

Mayor Michael Nutter, Pennrose Properties and DMH Fund President Mark Segal announced the planned construction yesterday of a public-private apartment building geared toward LGBT seniors.

The project has been in the works for years, but developers received word they could move forward Thursday after being awarded $11 million in low income housing tax credits by the state.

"It's been a longtime dream of many of us," said Segal, who has been asked to present the program at the White House on Wednesday. "This is a group that has basically been invisible and we strive to make available to them the health care and services that they need."

The six-story complex slated to be built in the fall on 13th Street between Locust and Spruce streets will be among the first of its kind in the U.S. and is the largest publicly funded building project for the LGBT community in the nation.

"This is a milestone here in Philadelphia and also in the United States of America," Nutter said

Segal said he first learned of the need for affordable housing through a 1998 study of the LGBT senior community. "I never expected that would be the first issue," he said. "But the question of 'is there a need' — would you ask the same thing of the Jewish community or the Catholic community?"

He said that the demand will continue to increase as the population grays.

"This will give them a chance to live a full life in security and with people who will embrace them," Segal said.

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▶ Segal, publisher of Philadelphia Gay News, has pushed for LGBT senior housing for three years.

### Needed support

**A recent UCLA study concluded that gay men and lesbians older than 65 have significantly higher poverty rates than straight seniors, underscoring the necessity of affordable housing.**

- Developers hope to break ground by the fall on the project, which will provide 56 one-bedroom apartments, ground floor space for health care and other social services tailored to the needs of the LGBT community.
- Applicants must be age 62 or older and make less than 60 percent of the Philadelphia median income. The rentals will not be limited exclusively to seniors of any one sexual orientation.

### Quoted

**"This is the largest publicly supported LGBT building project in America."**
MAYOR MICHAEL NUTTER

**$19M**
Total cost of the project, much of which is subsidized by state and federal funding.

**56**
One-bedroom apartments that will be constructed in the six-story building, starting at $175 a month for low-income residents.

### In the news

**$950M**

Pennsylvania plans to sell $950 million in general-obligation debt tomorrow, its largest tax-exempt bond offering in more than five years. The issue will cover expenses tied to three state prisons, a judicial center in Philadelphia, environmental remediation and fixing bridges, a spokesman for Gov. Tom Corbett, said last week. METRO

### In the news

**More green for green space**

The city's leading advocacy group for Fairmount Park, the Parks Alliance, will fill City Council chambers this morning to ask for $8 million more in funding for the system than Mayor Nutter's budget has proposed. The increase, the group says, would bring funding up to promised levels.

## Deja vu all over again in Mayfair tire slashings

**NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA.** In what seems like a perpetual case of deja vu, more tires were slashed in Mayfair on Sunday night.

Residents on the 4200 block of Aldine Street awoke shortly after 5 a.m. to find that 10 vehicles had their tires ripped through, police said.

The peculiar brand of urban terrorism has been plaguing the neighborhood since October. More than 100 tires have been slashed in the area, with many residents complaining their vehicles have been damaged multiple times. Aldine Street alone has been hit at least twice, sparking talk of vigilante groups and a reward from the Fraternal Order of Police. METRO

## Body found, house burned

**PENNSYLVANIA.** A body was found early this morning in the burning car of a man whose house also exploded around the same time, WFMZ-TV reported.

Officials couldn't immediately identify the badly burned victim of the car fire that occurred in Mount Pocono around 3 a.m., but told the outlet that the vehicle belonged to the same man whose house exploded nearby around the same time. METRO

## Ex-wife allegedly targeted in sex ad

**PENNSYLVANIA.** A western Pennsylvania man was charged Tuesday for creating a sex toy and adult services advertisement on Superpages.com using the name, address and telephone number of his ex-wife, WYTV reported.

Michael DeMatteo, 39, was arrested for the unlawful use of a computer, harassment and stalking.

His ex, Amy Kreitzer, 33, told the station that she first started receiving calls on her cell phone in May of 2011 asking about sex acts, toys and services. In several incidents, men showed up at her home with similar requests, according to WFMJ.com. During one call, a woman told Kreitzer to Google herself and hung up, WYTV reported. METRO

**$5K**
Bond that DeMatteo is being held on until his preliminary court hearing Thursday

# Four killed in another tragic blaze

## Fire kills entire family save young West Philly father His two brothers also died unexpectedly in previous tragedies, neighbors say

RICARD LARMA/METRO

A toy belonging to Jayden and Cynsere McClendon remained inside the charred house yesterday.

Four people, including two young children, died in a fast-spreading row house blaze early this morning, but a fifth person lost everything short of his life.

Anthony McClendon, 25, returned from a night shift at work to find his young fiancee, his two children and his father perished in a fire at the Chancellor Street house they all shared, neighbors said later yesterday.

"There's not one person on this block that's not hurt," longtime resident Marlyn Davis said. "The family's been around for years. We're all family here. It's like a bad dream — I'm still waiting for somebody to wake me up."

Neighbors identified the victims as Jayden and Cynsere McClendon, 2 and 4, and their grandfather, retired U.S. postal worker Charles McClendon, 79. All three died at area hospitals. The body of the children's mother, Rishya Jenkins, 23, was found inside the home. They said that police had to restrain 25-year-old Anthony McClendon, who returned from working a night shift shortly after the fire broke out around 4:45 a.m. to find his home engulfed in flames and his family trapped inside. "He kept trying to go inside the house and get his family, but it was too bad and he couldn't do anything," Roschelle Fogle said.

**16**

**Deaths in Philadelphia fires through yesterday, already half the total of 32 fire-related fatalities in 2011, officials said.**

"He's the only survivor and he's going to need a whole lot of support," Davis said, looking around at the crowd gathered to share their sorrow and pay their respects. She said that McClendon's two brothers also died suddenly. "Now it's his fiancee, his father and his two kids — they were all he had left, besides his mother. He's going to need [support]."

"But they're all all right now because God his holding their hands and they're on their way to heaven."

### Deadly year

**A West Philadelphia community grieved yesterday after a family of four was killed in the city's third fatal fire in six days, bringing the total killed in those fires to eight, including two firefighters.**

- Mourners poured onto the sidewalks of the 5200 block of Chancellor Street as workers boarded up the row home's windows. Inside, piles of children's toys still laid against the blackened walls amid the charred rubble.
- Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers said yesterday that there were no working smoke detectors in the residence. The deaths brought the number of fire fatalities to 16 in the first four months of 2012, including the two firefighters killed in a Kensington warehouse blaze last week, compared to 32 in the entire year of 2011.

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# Romney visits local tea party summit

## Delaware Valley's largest tea party group held fourth annual event GOP frontrunner expected to talk policy

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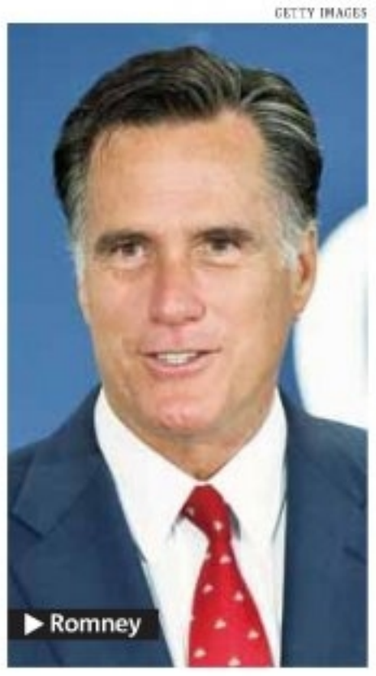
▶ Romney

All-but-certain Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney made his first visit to Philadelphia since last November to speak before 350 ardent members of the Independence Hall Tea Party Association last night.

Romney, who now will likely cruise to victory in next Tuesday's Pennsylvania primary, was invited by the Philly-based conservative group to speak at its fourth annual Tri-State Tax Day Tea Summit. Attendees paid $20 and $30 to see Romney at the Franklin Institute, organizers said. The ticket price was not to raise funds for Romney, association President Teri Adams said, but simply to offset costs of the summit.

"We've always thought that as much as anyone else, his values fell in line with the Tea Party movement," Adams said of Romney, who has never been the most conservative candidate among the shrinking Republican field. "We always felt he would probably be the nominee."

Earlier in the day, city District Attorney Seth Williams and City Controller Alan Butkovitz held a press conference near the Liberty Bell to call out Romney on his desire to give tax breaks to the rich and his failure to publicly release his own tax records.

"Mitt Romney represents a continuation of the idea that the only people making a contribution to society are rich people who invest money and that it's not worth it for them to pay taxes because they won't invest in the economy," Butkovitz said, calling the idea perpetuated by the Tea Party "myopic and obsessive."

Williams said that looking at Romney's tax records would help voters to understand his values.

"What is he hiding?" Williams questioned. "I think it's loopholes and offshore accounts."

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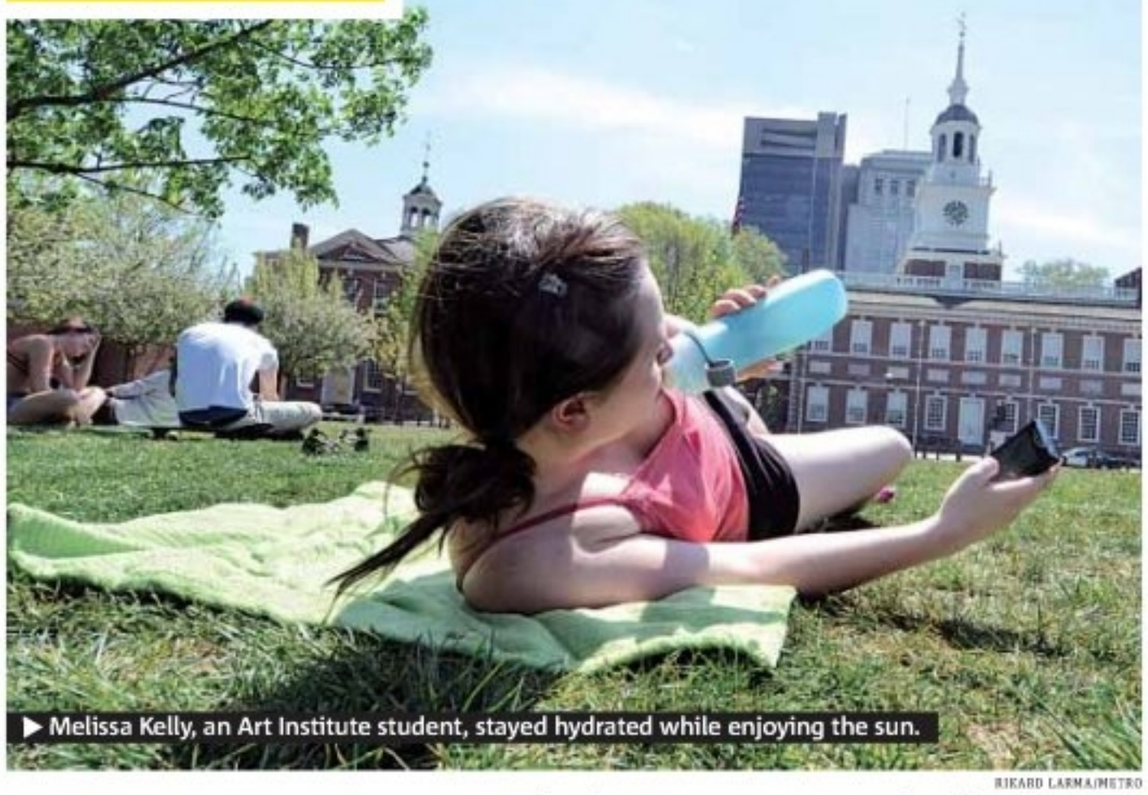
**Weather.** Near record


▶ Melissa Kelly, an Art Institute student, stayed hydrated while enjoying the sun.

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## Temperatures nearly hits 90 in Philly

**Amid news of March temperatures well above average, the year's hottest weather yet swept through the Delaware Valley yesterday, hitting 89 degrees in Philadelphia shortly before 3 p.m., according to the National Weather Service in Mount Holly, N.J. That fell just short of the city's all-time record of 90 degrees for April 16 set in 2002.** METRO

# Will moms decide next US president?

**For complaints, suggestions and digital attaboys, e-mail us at brayden.simms@metro.us.**

That sound you just heard may have been the collective screams of whatever remains of the weak-kneed Democratic establishment: The re-election of President Barack Obama is in legitimate trouble, if you take the latest Gallup poll at face value.

(Chill out, Democrats: You know we have no more regard for the Republican coalition. But you can't deny their superior knee strength!)

According to the Gallup Daily poll released yesterday, Mitt Romney is currently leading Obama among national registered voters by two percentage points, 47 percent to 45 percent. This may not seem like much, but it does constitute a possible electoral deficit for the incumbent president as the heated general election campaign season gets rolling.

For some context, George W. Bush won a very close re-election in 2004 — some say it was stolen, owing to a conservative Supreme Court decision over voting irregularities in Florida, but that's for another day — after leading John Kerry by 4 percentage points in this poll in April of that year. George H.W. Bush, however, lost to Bill Clinton in 1992 after leading the eventual president in the same poll 41 to 26. (The presence of Ross Perot, who grabbed 25 percent in that poll, undeniably complicates analysis of that year.)

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▶ Dueling polls presented two very different pictures of the U.S. electorate yesterday.

Then there's the CNN/ORC International poll released yesterday, painting a very different picture of the electorate. In that survey, Obama leads Romney by nine points, 52 percent to 43 percent, a fissure fueled largely by the gender gap that's made so many headlines these past few weeks. According to these numbers, women voters favor Obama over Romney by 16 points, furthering the narrative that GOP policy has divided voters by sex and taking some of the wind out of claims that Republicans are winning the "war on women."

What these numbers presage, at the least, is a very close race for the White House in November. Take note, moms.

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**He said, we said**

*"It was my early birthday present for someone to be critical of me as a mother. That was a really defining moment, and I loved it."*

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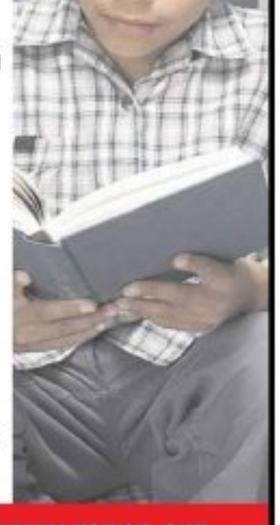

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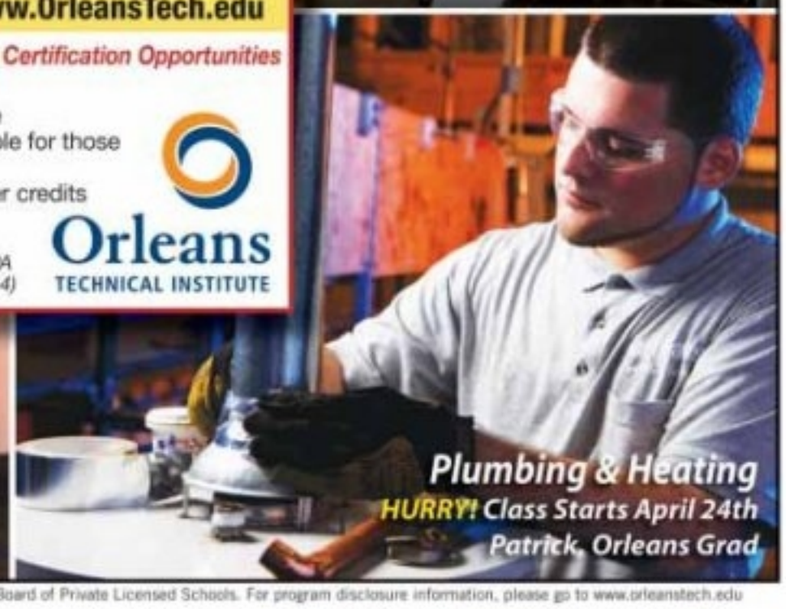

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# Start-up games company more popular than EA

European start-up King.com has overtaken video-games giant Electronic Arts on Facebook, with almost 10 million people every day now playing its games, which include "Bubble Witch Saga," on the social network.

The 9-year-old company has experienced an explosion in popularity since launching on Facebook a little over a year ago with its saga games, in which players move through a competitive landscape and pass their friends on the way.

The games appeal to a growing trend for players, more and more of them female, to play puzzle games with their friends in short

FACEBOOK

▶ "Bubble Witch Saga"

bursts — especially as games are increasingly played on the move on phones or tablets to kill spare minutes.

"Bubble Witch Saga," King.com's top Facebook game, now has more daily players than Zynga's hit game "Farmville," in which players have to invest longer periods of time in activities like planting virtual crops and raising livestock.

King.com's sixth Facebook saga game, "Candy Crush Saga," has already acquired nearly half a million daily users since its launch last week, according to Facebook metrics firm AppData.

Zynga has almost 80 Facebook games — including titles that span other genres like "Texas HoldEm Poker" and "Mafia Wars" — and is still by far the most popular games developer on the site, with 65 million daily users of its apps.

Zynga went public last year in a high-profile initial public offering that raised $1 billion. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

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▶ Pope Benedict

### Pope marks 85th birthday, says he's on his 'last stretch'

**VATICAN CITY.** Pope Benedict marked his 85th birthday yesterday, saying he is now in the "last stretch" of his life but is sure that God would help him continue his mission.

Benedict, who has looked tired and drawn recently, is one of history's oldest reigning pontiffs — and already older than his predecessor John Paul II was when he died in 2005.

The pope said a Mass of thanksgiving with German bishops and close aides. Afterwards, children in traditional garb from his native Bavaria danced for him under the frescoes of the Vatican's Clementine Hall.

"I find myself facing the last stretch on the road of my life," Benedict said in German during the early morning Mass in a Vatican chapel. **REUTERS**

### UN says massacre of Poles at Katyn was a war crime

**STRASBOURG, FRANCE.** The European Court of Human Rights ruled yesterday that Russia violated the rights of relatives of Poles killed by the Soviet secret police in 1940, and it described the Katyn massacre as a "war crime."

The ruling followed a complaint by 15 descendants of 12 victims over the adequacy of Russia's enquiry into the massacre, in which some 22,000 Polish officers and intellectuals were murdered without trial — often by shooting them from behind. **REUTERS**

### New survey finds emperor penguin numbers booming

**LONDON.** Scientists counting emperor penguins from space have found twice as many of the birds in Antarctica as expected.

The discovery is reassuring for a species seen as under threat from global warming and will provide researchers with a benchmark for monitoring the giants of the penguin world in years to come.

Using high-resolution satellite images to study each of 44 colonies around the coastline of Antarctica, experts said they put the total emperor penguin population at 595,000, or roughly double previous estimates of 270,000 to 350,000. **REUTERS**

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# Physics student Justin a finalist in Metro's race to go into space

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▶ Justin Dowd is the U.S. finalist in Metro's Race to Space.

Boston resident Justin Dowd has dreamed about going into space since starlight first streamed through his telescope as a little kid.

Now, he might have that chance to soar toward the stars.

Dowd, 22, a fourth-year student at Northeastern University, was chosen as the US finalist in Metro's Race to Space.

"This is just awesome," Dowd said after finding out he beat out thousands of contestants for a chance to launch into space. "I have wanted to go to space my entire life," he said.

Dowd, who is studying physics, first learned about the contest while filling in a Sudoku puzzle while riding the train. Knowing it was a long shot and his chances to win would be slim, he set to work on the application process.

"The reason I study physics is to learn new things about the world," he said. "The more you learn, the wider your views become — and I can't think of a better way to see the world in a new way than to see it from space," he said.

For the contest, Dowd submitted a video discussing "relativity" as it pertains to space.

In the animated mini-film, he used more than 3,000 photos of hand-drawn chalk murals in time lapse to animate Albert Einstein's discoveries.

Dowd admitted the prospect of going to space was exciting, but he was equally enthused about the training that takes place prior to launch.

"I would have gone through the whole application process just to go on a fighter jet or the zero-gravity training," said Dowd. "I'm a little bit of adrenaline junkie."

Dowd and the other finalists from Metro newspapers around the world will now be interviewed, via Skype, by executives at Metro's international headquarters in Sweden. A winner will then be selected to travel into space from a base in Curacao, following an intensive series of training missions in Europe.

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## News in brief

▶ Obama

### Obama raised $53m in March

**WASHINGTON.** U.S. President Barack Obama's re-election campaign and Democratic groups affiliated with it raised more than $53 million in March, showing a jump in fundraising over the previous month as the general election gets under way.

More than 567,000 donors gave money to Obama's campaign and 97 percent of the donations were $250 or less, the campaign said in a video released to supporters.

Fundraising by Obama groups has picked up gradually over the last three months. The campaign and its Democratic allies raised more than $45 million in February and a combined $29.1 million in January. **REUTERS**

### Clemens faces new perjury trial

**WASHINGTON.** Former baseball pitching ace Roger Clemens arrived in court yesterday for a new trial on charges he lied to Congress about taking steroids, nine months after a judge stopped his first trial in its opening days because of a misstep by prosecutors.

The presiding judge said he expected the trial to last up to six weeks. **REUTERS**

### Tobacco companies pay $6.5B to cover health bills of sick smokers

**WASHINGTON.** Three of the biggest U.S. tobacco companies said yesterday they have paid a total of $6.5 billion this year to U.S. states under a 1998 national accord that obliged companies to help cover the health bills of ailing smokers.

Altria's Philip Morris paid $3.5 billion, said spokesman Steve Callahan. But the Marlboro-maker, which makes the biggest payments, is disputing $206 million of that sum, and has put that money in escrow. **REUTERS**

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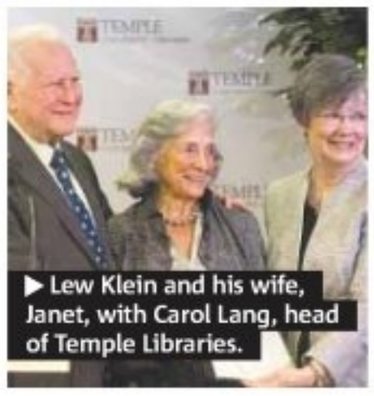
# Temple moving forward, with an eye on the past

In today's media-rich society, university communications programs teach cutting-edge technology, with an emphasis on the next big thing. Well-prepared students, though, will also have a sense of the history of broadcasting.

Temple University just got a rich new resource for that history. Lew Klein, a major figure in Philadelphia television, sports and politics since the 1950s and an adjunct professor in the School of Communications and Theater for 59 years, has donated materials from his personal collection to Temple University Libraries Special Collections Research Center.

The material includes photographs, newspaper articles, pamphlets, letters, scrapbooks, brochures, videos, periodicals and other recorded and printed materials. "The materials will be of great value to teaching, research and learning at Temple," says Provost Richard Englert. "Primary sources such as the Klein papers are the raw materials that scholars use to shape unique discoveries and produce new knowledge."


▶ Lew Klein and his wife, Janet, with Carol Lang, head of Temple Libraries.

Klein first made his name as executive producer of "American Bandstand," back when it was a local show broadcast on WFIL-TV (now WPVI). He also produced Phillies broadcasts for the channel for 15 years, as well as other local and national shows. "In the years to come, with technology moving so rapidly, the history of the early days of television in Philadelphia could easily be lost," says Klein. "People need to know about this period."

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## Campus news and notes

### Universities collaborate with Science Festival

More than 100 local colleges, corporations and cultural and civic organizations will collaborate on presentations and activities during the second annual Philadelphia Science Festival, which kicks off Friday.

"This is an opportunity for STEM [science, technology, engineering, mathematics] organizations to stand up and say 'Here we are,'" says Steve Snyder, vice president of exhibit and program development at The Franklin Institute. "There's exciting stuff going on all year, but the festival is a special week to celebrate that, and to invite the public to come learn about it."

All events are collaborations between two or more groups, including many you might not expect to be involved in a science festival. Philadelphia University will hold a fashion show at the Academy of Natural Sciences; the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts will host a program on scientific illustration.

Moore College of Art and Design will participate in the science carnival on April 21; and Swarthmore College and West Chester University will host stargazing sites for Astronomy Night on April 27.

### Alcohol Awareness month at Rider

April is Alcohol Awareness Month at Rider University. The university will be teaming up with the HERO campaign for Designated Drivers to present a series of educational and consciousness-raising events throughout the month.

Some events will include alcohol-use screenings and the opportunity to try on "beer goggles," which simulate the effects of alcohol at four different levels of intoxication. Others will focus on fun, such as learning how to make "mocktails."

"We're really trying to focus on prevention and students learning to be safer and smarter when it comes to alcohol," said Lawrence Tonetti, the university's substance abuse prevention specialist.

▶ Starstruck: The Philadelphia Science Festival kicks off Friday.

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## News around the region

### Penn State still 'No Place for Hate'

Penn State Abington, the first college campus in the country to be named a No Place for Hate campus by the Anti-Defamation League in 2006, has just been recertified for the seventh straight year. The certification recognizes anti-bullying and anti-bias projects held on campus, as well as policies that emphasize inclusion.

Many anti-bully and anti-abuse events are scheduled for April, including a visit from a Holocaust survivor and a screening of the movie "Anatomy of Hate."

### Swarthmore ranks high in value

Swarthmore College has been named No. 3 on the list of best values in private liberal arts colleges in the country by Kiplinger.com, the financial website.

Tuition at the school is $54,400 per year, but the average debt at graduation is only $18,739. The school's billion-dollar endowment enables it to provide full-ride financial aid for students who qualify for it. Merit scholarships are also available.

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## Pippa, get your gun?

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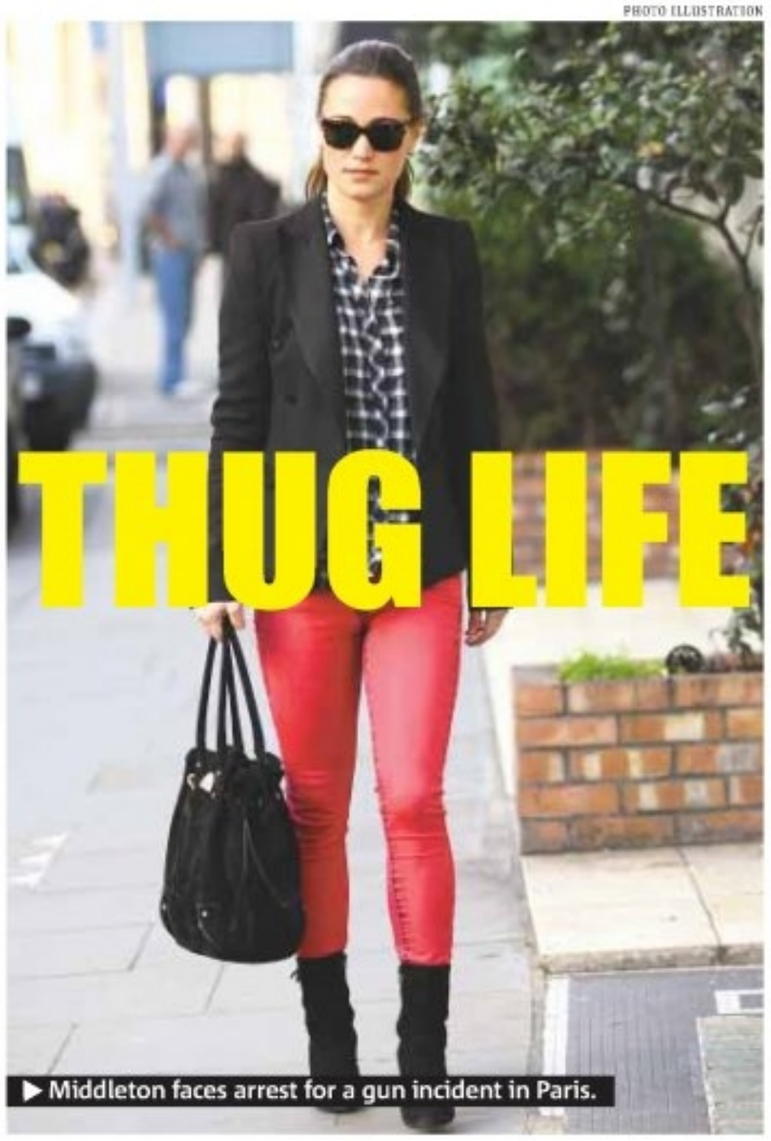


▶ Middleton faces arrest for a gun incident in Paris.

**Pippa Middleton** could face prosecution for her involvement in an incident in which an unnamed male friend brandished a semiautomatic handgun at a photographer in Paris, according to the Sun. A photo taken by the paparazzo shows Middleton — the sister-in-law of **Prince William** — grinning in the passenger seat of a convertible as the driver aims the firearm at the camera. Paris police officials are expected to launch an investigation. "If the evidence points to her involvement, she will be prosecuted. Anybody involved in the illegal use of a handgun in public is liable to arrest and interrogation," a source says, adding that if the gun proves to be real, brandishing it in a public place is punishable by up to seven years in prison "for all parties involved." (Also in the car was Middleton's friend, fashion mogul **Arthur de Soultrait**, who sat in the backseat.) If it was a fake gun, the maximum sentence is two years.

Wait. You can get two years in prison for showing off a fake gun in France?

And here I thought their attitudes toward fat people were harsh.

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▶ A rep for Brad Pitt, left, and Angelina Jolie confirmed they were engaged last week.

### Jolie and Pitt: Equal love for all ... kinda

**Angelina Jolie** and **Brad Pitt** are now engaged to be married, but what about their earlier claims that they would not tie the knot until everyone in the U.S. — including gays and lesbians — had the same right? Looks like they got tired of waiting. But **Rebekah Orr** of Equality California still supports the famous couple. "Marriage is something that says, 'We're a family' in a way that nothing else can," she tells TMZ. "No one has to deny that for themselves or their family to prove they are an ally and supporter of equality." Besides, Jolie and Pitt have already showed their support several times over, contributing more than $1 million to the fight against California's Proposition 8, which outlawed same-sex marriage in the state.

## The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Paris Hilton likes where pop culture is going, Ricky Martin is over-sharing, Sarah Silverman is honestly curious and Seth MacFarlane wishes more people got his references.

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**@SarahKSilverman**
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**@SethMacFarlane**
You guys know who Cecil B. DeMille was? No? Okay, that's okay, I've got a tweet about him but never mind.

## Talking points

### Segel is in l-o-v-e

Jason Segel is lobbying hard for the title of Most Adorable Boyfriend, as the "How I Met Your Mother" star apparently tapes photos of girlfriend Michelle Williams to the back of his iPhone case, according to the Daily Mail. Segel was spotted carrying the personalized phone in L.A. this weekend. A photo alone would be sweet, sure, but Segel also has the phrase "I love you" scribbled over and over again around the pictures. "They're much more serious than everyone thinks," a source says. "They're really happy."

▶ Happy! Segel!

### Who's that Efron in the mirror?

Zac Efron admits that after packing on 18 pounds of muscle to play a Marine in "The Lucky One," he didn't know who was staring back at him from the mirror. "By the end of the movie, I didn't recognize myself," Efron tells Men's Health. "You hear about guys like Christian Bale who dive into it and are really able to transform. I've always wondered if I had the willpower to actually do it. And I'll always have pride around the sense that I can." Efron, who's back to his slimmer 145 pounds, says his secret is a healthier-than-normal work ethic. "I could pick up almost anything. If you put it in front of me, I could always find a way to tackle it," he says. "I was never a natural at anything, but I could always outwork everybody."

### The 'Glee' romance: It's on!

"Glee" co-stars Lea Michele and Cory Monteith took their real-life romance to the Coachella music festival this weekend, according to Us Weekly. Monteith arrived after Michele at a VIP pool party — but reportedly made up for his tardiness with some public displays of affection. "He tapped her on the shoulder and she was so excited to see him, she threw her arms around him and they hugged and kissed on the lips," a source reports, adding that the couple then retreated to a private cabana. "Their arms were constantly around each other and they were talking very close. They definitely looked like a couple with how affectionate they were being in public." Michele wasn't shy about her excitement online, either: "I just saw a really hot 6-foot-3 Canadian with a tribal arm band hanging by the pool," she posted to Twitter when he arrived. "So happy."

▶ Michele and Monteith

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# Tupac Shakur rises from the dead (in hologram version)

**1:** David Beckham and his son Cruz Beckham attended the game between the Dallas Mavericks and the Los Angeles Lakers at Staples Center on Sunday in Los Angeles, California.

**2:** Chicago native John Cusack attended the 2012 Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo at McCormick Place on Sunday in Chicago.

**3:** "Smash" star Debra Messing attended the opening night of "Peter and the Starcatcher" on Broadway at The Brooks Atkinson Theatre on Sunday in New York City.

**4:** Beyonce and Jay-Z attended the New York Knicks vs. Miami Heat basketball game at Madison Square Garden on Sunday in New York City.

**5:** Tupac Shakur was resurrected more than 15 years after his death in the form of a hologram in order to perform "Come With Me," "Hail Mary" and "Gangsta Party" alongside Snoop Dogg at Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival on Sunday in Indio, Calif.

**6:** Actor Paul Reubens, aka Pee-wee Herman, attended the 10th Annual TV Land Awards at the Lexington Avenue Armory on Saturday in New York City.

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# Splitting the difference between right and wrong

Cal, the protagonist in Nick Dybek's new novel, "When Captain Flint Was Still a Good Man," has teen angst, but justifiably. Though his parents are on the brink of separating, domestic troubles are just a sliver of those brewing in his Pacific Northwest village. After the patriarch of the town's founding family dies, the fate of a community reliant on the fishing industry is left in the hands of the man's spoiled son, who has never worked on his father's fleet. Tensions hit a boiling point between the heir and the fishermen, and likewise in Cal's own home. Abandoned and uncertain of his future as the world around him unravels, he forms unexpected bonds and is forced to make a decision that could jeopardize more than his new friendships. We asked Dybek about the themes of allegiance, morality and destiny in his thrilling debut novel.

**Your title refers to "Treasure Island," both a coming-of-age tale and a commentary on moral ambiguity. This accurately describes your novel, too.**
When I started to write, I wasn't thinking about "Treasure Island." But it was a book that meant a lot to me when I was a kid. I was writing something that was so far from my own experiences, and bringing in "Treasure Island" is like a point of reference to help me understand [Cal]. Aside from being about fantasy, "Treasure Island" is also about disillusionment. When the narrator Jim Hawkins first meets John Silver and the other pirates, he doesn't realize what they really are. He looks up to them as romantic, larger-than-life figures. There's a parallel with how the narrator of my book sees his father and the other fishermen.

**The novel proposes that we're all capable of anything. No matter how hard we try to do the "right" thing, do we inevitably fail?**
That someone could be a good man or a bad man — it's silly. Who makes up these terms of absolute moral value? It's about a person who thinks they're doing what they have to do, and it may end up hurting others. But in that moment they have their reasons. My first job was teaching at a correctional facility. They wore striped jumpsuits but other than that, there wasn't a real distinction between these "bad people" inside and the "good people" out in the free world.


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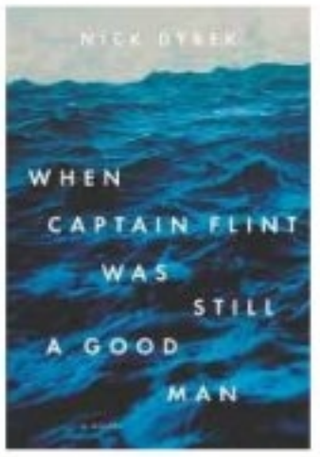


## His own destiny

**The characters struggle with what they can and can't become. When you were Cal's age, was there something you wanted to do that never came to fruition?**
I wanted to be a musician. I took a shot playing in rock bands, but I was never very good so I decided I'd better find a way to make a living. I'm not sure why I thought fiction writing would be a better way to do that. [Laughs] My father is a writer. Writing and books were a prevailing culture in our household. I actually resisted giving into that for a while because it wasn't rebellious. A lot of parents would be like, "No, you're going to law school." That just wasn't the case with mine.

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# Mastering the summer fringe

"Cutting in fringe is a great way to change up your look dramatically without chopping all your hair off," says Los Angeles-based hairstylist John Ruggiero, who has worked wonders on the locks of Elizabeth Olsen and Gisele Bundchen. He talks us through how to keep bangs looking cool and fresh as the weather heats up.

**1 Go bold**
It's been a little while since "Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" hit theaters, but Rooney Mara's hair is just beginning to take off as a trend (as witnessed by all of the blunt-cut bangs in last month's runway shows). Let's be honest, though: A major part of the appeal is her attitude. "The best way to pull off a really cool fringe like Rooney Mara's is to have that effortless

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▶ Mara

confidence. I'm seeing a lot of different fringe styles right now — straight, wavy, long, short, supershort — but it's all about figuring out which look works best for you and owning it."

**2 Pick your products wisely**
Yes, you want your hair to look great, but you don't want to cause forehead breakouts under your bangs. "Always go for a product that is lightweight and that will protect your hair against heat and humidity. Something like Bumble and bumble Straight Blow Dry cream will work best. And maybe add a light holding spray at the end," Ruggiero adds.

**3 Maximize one cut**
Turn the most annoying part about wearing bangs — the fast grow-out — into an opportunity to play around with your 'do. "Cut your fringe really short and then let it grow out, getting a trim every four to six weeks," he says. That way you can go supershort one week, and longer and sideswept the next.

**What to use**

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**Reduce physical discomforts associated with pregnancy like back and joint pain Two licensed massage therapists on what you 'knead' to know**

Pregnancy can be an exciting time in a woman's life — it's also an achy one, as carrying around that extra weight and fluid puts strain on her back, joints and legs. Booking a prenatal massage is the first step to seeking relief. We asked Alexis Nahoum and Becky Raik, licensed massage therapists and co-owners of the Brooklyn massage studio Melt Massage and Bodywork, about what they think every woman should know before they book a prenatal massage.

▶ Spa Week runs through Sunday. Visit www.spaweek.com for $50 treatment deals at Philly salons and spas.

### Why you should book a prenatal massage

Prenatal massage is a wonderful way to address the physical and emotional changes a woman experiences throughout her pregnancy. It can relieve the many common symptoms, such as muscle and joint tension, leg cramping and nerve pain. Its circulatory benefits can increase blood flow, flush out toxins and decrease swelling/edema in arms and legs. And like regular massage, it's an effective stress-reducer.

### Stress matters

Stress can have many negative effects on the pregnant body. It can increase the maternal heart rate and blood pressure, reduce blood supply to the uterus and contribute to a higher incidence of miscarriage and premature birth. A nurturing and soothing massage presents a powerful experience of relaxation and support that benefits both mother and baby.

### What to look for in a massage therapist

While all licensed therapists are qualified to perform prenatal massage, therapists who are prenatal-certified have additional knowledge and experience. Find someone who will take the time to talk to you about your goals and adjust the session for any complications or specific needs you may have. METRO

### There are some caveats

Although some therapists prefer not to work on women in their first trimester, prenatal massage can be practiced safely throughout the entire pregnancy up until and even past the due date. It is common for women to book sessions close to or after their due dates have passed, as working specific acupressure points and promoting relaxation can be an effective and healthy means of stimulating labor. However, it is always good to get any adjunct therapy cleared with your doctor or midwife first, especially if there are any complications.

### What to expect

The optimal position for prenatal massage is side-lying, as even specialty tables with cut-outs for the belly strain the uterine ligaments and increase intra-uterine pressure. Pillows are used to put the client in a position that doesn't create any additional strain. Techniques address the needs specific to pregnancy and incorporate stretching, traction and Swedish/deep tissue massage.

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# Temple Grandin on 'geek genes'

The CDC recently announced that 1 in 88 U.S. children has autism — a 78 percent increase in cases from 2002 to 2008.

Dr. Temple Grandin has been dealing with autism all her life. She's written books and lectured widely on the subject, earning much of her insight by dealing with her own autism, a story documented in the recent Claire Danes-led HBO biopic "Temple Grandin."

"If there weren't autism, we'd have no engineers, artists and scientists," Dr. Grandin, whose new book is "Different ... Not Less," tells Metro. "I call it the 'geek genes.' If you look at films of mission control and the people operating the space program, it's definitely 'geek genes' at work there. Autism is a broad spectrum."

Dr. Grandin names Steve Jobs and Albert Einstein as being among the millions of people within the autistic spectrum, which ranges from mild to severe and includes variants like Asperger's syndrome and Heller's syndrome: "Einstein didn't speak until he was three," she says.

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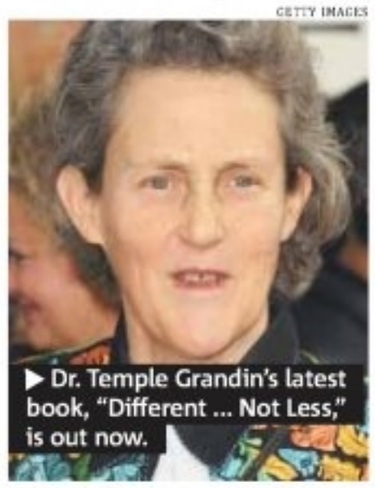

▶ Dr. Temple Grandin's latest book, "Different ... Not Less," is out now.

Dr. Grandin didn't speak as a toddler either, but early intervention and therapy meant the difference between being institutionalized as mentally disabled and who she is today: a Colorado State University professor with a Ph.D. in animal science and a world-renowned livestock expert advocating humane treatment and slaughter for farm animals.

Dr. Grandin says autism is complicated, and advocates a healthy diet and supplements such as fish oil to prevent or ease the severity of the condition during early development.

"The most important thing is early intervention," Dr. Grandin explains. "It's essential to identify the child's behavioral profile and build on their obvious skills. If they are good at art, encourage that. If they are good at math, build on that. It makes all the difference."

## Early signs

The seven early signs of autism spectrum disorder every parent should know:

- **By 6 months:** No big smiles or other warm, joyful expressions.
- **By 9 months:** No back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles or other facial expressions.
- **By 12 months:** Lack of response to name.
- **By 12 months:** No babbling or "baby talk."
- **By 12 months:** No back-and-forth gestures, such as pointing, showing, reaching or waving.
- **By 16 months:** No spoken words.
- **By 24 months:** No meaningful two-word phrases that don't involve imitating or repeating.

*Observing these red flags does not mean that a diagnosis of ASD will be made — there can be many other clinical issues in play. Source: Helpguide.org/parents.com*

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### Mixed bag on Romneys, mothers

**RE: "THE WAR ON MOMS KEEPS ON GOING":** I doubt that Mrs. Romney actually does the laundry for the family. If the Romneys can afford an elevator for their automobiles, they certainly can afford a team of domestics to do the actual household and child care work. Hilary Rosen was quite correct: These people have no understanding of what life without economic privilege is like; it's all about self-aggrandizement for them. **LEWIS WALSH, VIA E-MAIL**

In fairness to Mrs. Romney and all other mothers who can afford to stay home: There's nothing better than raising your own children, if you can swing it. There is no evidence that the Romney children were raised by maids and butlers, none whatsoever. As a non-Republican, I have to state that the kind of comments Mrs. Romney has been subject to are unfair and irrelevant. Incidentally, Suzy Sandor, about half of the 99 percent you referred to don't pay federal taxes. I'm also sure that if our president "took time away from the 99 percent to defend the .000001 percent" he felt it necessary and needs no advice from you. **ADELAIDE VERPONI, VIA E-MAIL**

**"If you raise taxes on the rich ... you can start to rebuild the country's infrastructure."**

**RE: "TAX CUTS ON RICH DON'T HELP THE POOR":** Alan Jacobs' criticism of tax fairness as the equivalent to getting robbed is ridiculous in the extreme. Of course the government isn't going to just hand out checks to "the poor" (Mr. Jacobs fails to define them) if it increases the tax rates on the ultra-wealthy. Those increased collections would instead go to creating more opportunities for them to get out of poverty, a far more laudable goal than defending the already-privileged. I can't see why Mr. Jacobs would object to this in the first place. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

Here's how it works: If you raise taxes on the rich (who pay less percentwise than a middle-class family) you can start to rebuild the country's infrastructure. Which means you can hire people, you know, poor people who don't have jobs. You can feed and clothe the homeless, you know, people who don't have homes. And most importantly you can do medical studies on people who are confused about how this works. **ROBERT LA ROSA, VIA E-MAIL**

### Fact: Violence often ends in jail time

An ignorant America in full bliss, George Zimmerman was charged by the state of Florida with murder in the second degree. The protest was to get the state to investigate and review the case. And they worked to get Zimmerman arrested. It was Zimmerman's own actions of that night that put him into jail. He shot and killed an unarmed 17-year-old who was not committing any crime at the time. The protest worked because they were peaceful but also loud; you people can't get over the fact that black people gained justice through protest and not violence. Zimmerman used violence and now he's in jail! **ANTONIO BENJAMIN, VIA E-MAIL**

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## Horoscope

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you have work of a mental nature that needs to get done, try to find yourself a secluded corner. The fewer disruptions you have, the more you'll get accomplished.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Take advantage of an opportunity to spend some time with a recent acquaintance you found to be quite interesting. Things could develop into a fun friendship.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't hesitate to spend some time trying out a few of your newer ideas. You actually won't know how good they are until they have been tested under real-life conditions.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** When it's properly challenged, one of your more valuable assets is your curiosity. Take some time to learn something about how to advance your personal interests.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** An arrangement you have with another that seems to be going nowhere could be subjected to some modifications. Your actions will put you on a productive track.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You may be required to make an important decision, but consider it carefully, because it might need several alterations that'll prove to be helpful as well as beneficial.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** When in a business meeting, you should pay close attention to the small details. Although they aren't always important, the nitty-gritty will be especially vital at this time.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Because you'll be in a friendly mood, in which others will enjoy being with you as much as you'll enjoy being with them, this should turn out to be a very pleasant day.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Owing to some very valuable information you'll get that was previously denied you, an important matter can finally be completed to your advantage and satisfaction.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It behooves you to double your efforts to get in touch with an important someone who has recently proved elusive. You'll finally make contact, with big results.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Be alert for a new way to enhance your material security. There are several strong indications that you will come up with a bright, ultimately profitable idea.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Don't delay what you want to do by waiting on slowpokes lingering over a second cup of coffee. Much can be accomplished when you get an early start. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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# EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED IN CUP RUN

**The Flyers have gone 37 years without winning a Stanley Cup, despite some great teams and amazing players. How improbable would it be if the current collection of lovable misfits ended that drought? We can certainly dream for now.**

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A championship is a long way away, but can't we dream for a moment after that amazing win Sunday against the gutless Penguins and their cry-baby superstar Sidney Crosby? Can't we fantasize that this team of slow starters filled with clueless rookies, a nutty goaltender and a tempestuous coach might be the one to win it?

The next time you hear an expert commentator predict what's going to happen in this insane series, change the channel. Nobody predicted that the Flyers would be up 3-0 against the Cup favorites. Nobody saw the Penguins unraveling the way they have. And nobody envisioned that it would be the Flyers controlling play and winning respect.

**Quoted**

**What makes this team so amazing is its disdain for hockey convention.**

Nothing is going according to plan, and that's just fine. The playoffs are supposed to be a test of goaltending, you say? Well, Ilya Bryzgalov has a goals-against average of nearly four — and he's undefeated. Compared to Penguins sieve Marc-Andre Fleury, Bryzgalov is the second coming of Bernie Parent. And Bryzgalov has been a model of locker-room decorum, another shocking twist.

Then there are the six Flyers who have never been to the playoffs because this is their first year in the NHL. Sean Couturier, Matt Read, Brayden Schenn, Zac Rinaldo, Marc-Andre Bourdon and Eric Wellwood comprise nearly 30 percent of the postseason roster. The average age of the six is 22. Two of them aren't even old enough to drink.

Couturier has caused the MVP of the regular season, Evgeni Malkin, to disappear. The kid even absorbed a cheap shot by James Neal and laughed in the thug's face. Oh, yeah. The rookie also had a hat trick in Game 2. He will be 20 years old in December.

Schenn, 20, came here in the Mike Richards trade last summer, and the optimists predicted that someday he would compare to the former Flyer captain. But in his first year? In his first playoffs? Not a chance. And all Matt Read did was score 24 goals this season, and two more in his first three playoff games. That's all.

What makes this team so amazing is its complete disdain for hockey convention. Good starts are imperative in the playoffs? The Flyers won the first three games after trailing 3-0, 2-0 and 1-0. Leadership is essential? Captain Chris Pronger is watching the games on his couch. A steady hand behind the bench is critical? Peter Laviolette was perched on a ledge two weeks ago threatening bodily harm against the Pittsburgh coaches.

No, this is no normal team, and this is definitely no normal series. Now all we can hope for, after so many years without a Stanley Cup, is for no normal ending, too.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

# Pat the Bat doesn't deserve it

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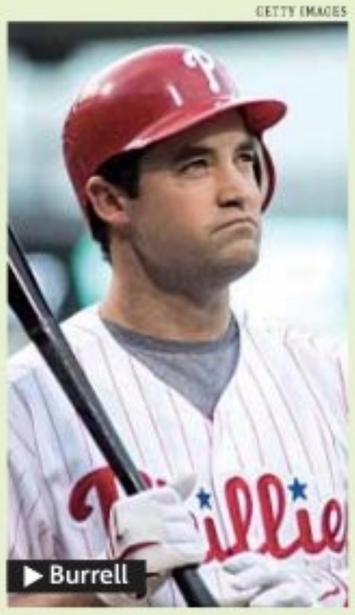

▶ Burrell

Pat Burrell will be honored on May 15 with a final goodbye at Citizens Bank Park. I have one question: Why?

When the Phillies announced their plans to sign Burrell to a one-day contract and schedule a special day for him, my first reaction was that the team is setting a terrible precedent. To me, Burrell was a disappointment in all ways but one. He did win a championship.

As a hitter, his legacy is the strikeout. He was known early in his career for flailing at any outside breaking ball. Later, he simply refused to swing at third strikes. In nine seasons here, he struck out 1,273 times, second most in team history. For this he gets a special day?

Yes, he put up some power numbers (257 homers and 827 RBIs), but not when they mattered. Remember the parade, which he led with his dog Elvis? Well, that was the first time he led the team during the championship run. He hit .071 in the World Series, with no homers and one RBI. For a first-round pick still at the prime age of 32, shouldn't we have expected more?

Finally, Burrell was a jerk. From the day he arrived in Clearwater, he was as aloof and fan-unfriendly as any Phillie. The next warm and fuzzy Pat Burrell story will be his first in Philadelphia.

Hey, I know we're all supposed to remember the good in players at times like this, when they retire. No, thanks. May 15 will be a great day for him, but not for the many fans who know Pat Burrell for the player and person he really was.

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▶ The Sixers are better off without Doug Collins.

# Hit the bricks

A few weeks ago, there was speculation that this could be the final season for Doug Collins. Now many fans are not speculating. They're hoping this is the end.

Collins is demanding but fair, a father figure capable of appealing to the pampered brats he has adopted. In the past month, however, his commanding presence has evolved into an awkward aimlessness. During the team's dreadful second half, Collins has strategized with a dart board.

Exhibit A is Nik Vucevic, a rookie who played three minutes in the first three games of April, and then was named the starter two days later. Exhibit B is Evan Turner, who emerged as a star briefly last month before a return to the doghouse. Exhibit C is Andre Iguodala, who keeps getting the ball at key moments despite being the worst clutch player in the NBA.

Collins has lost his way with managing the fragile egos on the team, too, as he admitted when he said the players see him as an "ogre." He is so unsure of himself, he checks with assistants to make certain he wasn't too tough on the players.

The Sixers are going nowhere, with or without Doug Collins. Based on the past few weeks, they will be better off without him.

# Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

**1 Apology owed.** NBC hockey analyst Mike Milbury had his job threatened two weeks ago when he suggested that Sidney Crosby "has a bit of punk in him." As we have all seen in the playoffs, Crosby is a whining child, a cheap-shot specialist, and yes, a punk. NBC owes Milbury an apology.

**2 Is Reid grooming new QB?** There are reports that the Eagles are trying to move up to No. 4 to pick Ryan Tannehill of Texas A&M, a converted wide receiver who has played only 19 games at quarterback. Grooming a new, raw QB just doesn't seem like the act of a coach fearing for his job, does it?

**3 Say what ...** The chants of "Freddy, Freddy, Freddy" at Citizens Bank Park are shocking, considering whom Freddy Galvis is replacing and his .222 batting average. It might be a good idea for Chase Utley to end his Arizona getaway. If I didn't know better, I'd think his fans were cheating on him.

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**Samuel, McCoy report to Birds**

A bunch of Eagles players showed up yesterday for the first day of a voluntary, offseason conditioning program. And yes, cornerback Asante Samuel and running back LeSean McCoy were among them.

Samuel has been the subject of trade rumors, while McCoy is awaiting a long-term deal. Last season, Samuel expressed frustration with the organization, but he said all the right things yesterday.

"I know the Eagles' main focus is to win a Super Bowl and I think I'm an important part of that," he said.

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## The series:

- Game 1: Flyers 4, Penguins 3, OT
- Game 2: Flyers 8, Penguins 5
- Game 3: Flyers 8, Penguins 4
- Game 4: Tomorrow, at FLYERS, 7:30 (CSN)
- *Game 5: Friday, at Pittsburgh, 7:30 (CSN)
- *Game 6: Sunday, at FLYERS, TBD
- *Game 7: April 24, at Pittsburgh, TBD

## Three things to watch:

Giroux and Sean Couturier.

**1 Suspensions coming?** Arron Asham has an in-person hearing for his cross-check to the face of Brayden Schenn and subsequent punch to the back of the head. James Neal has two separate hearings for headshots on Claude

**2 Always room for improvement.** Ilya Bryzgalov has a .868 save percentage and 3.97 goals-against average, yet he's won all three games. If the Flyers are to go further in the playoffs, he'll have to be better.

**3 Keep it up.** Special teams are paramount in the postseason and the Flyers are making the most of their opportunities. They lead all playoff teams — by far — going 6-for-10 on the power play.

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# Flyers not reaching for their brooms just yet

### Orange and Black only focused on winning Game 4 Players won't look ahead 'Have lot of work to do'

One by one, the Flyers took turns walking up to a pair of stepstools on either side of the locker room and tried to explain to the assembled media what had just happened.

Forgive them if they seemed a little dazed. It may have been the hits the Penguins were laying out, or maybe the fact they didn't expect to be up 3-0 in the series against their cross-state rivals.

"Yeah if you would have told us that before the series, we would have probably laughed at you," Danny Briere said. "But you know what, guys are working hard, playing as a team, we've got four lines rolling and Bryz playing solid, too."

Briere and a few other Flyers still around from the 2010 Stanley Cup run remember what it was like to be in the Penguins' skates. The Flyers were facing elimination after three games against the Boston Bruins and came all the way back to stun the hockey world.

"If there's a team that can come back from 3-0 this year, I think it's them," Claude Giroux said of his Penguins opponents, "so we need to understand that. We need to make sure that we're focused for Wednesday."

The Flyers are looking for their first sweep of a playoff series since they took brooms to the New York Rangers in the 1995 Eastern Conference semifinals. This is just the 11th time in franchise history the Flyers have found themselves up 3-0 in a series. They've gone on to sweep six of them.

"Yeah, it's nice, obviously, being up 3-0 but we know we still have a lot of work to do," Brayden Schenn said. "The fourth win is always the toughest and they're not going to roll over and die."

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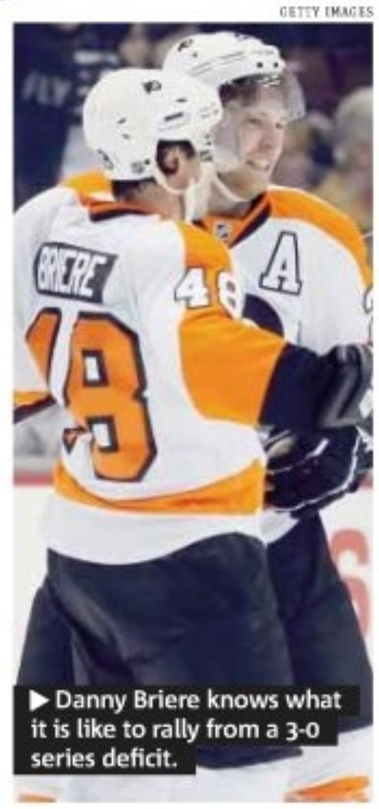

▶ Danny Briere knows what it is like to rally from a 3-0 series deficit.

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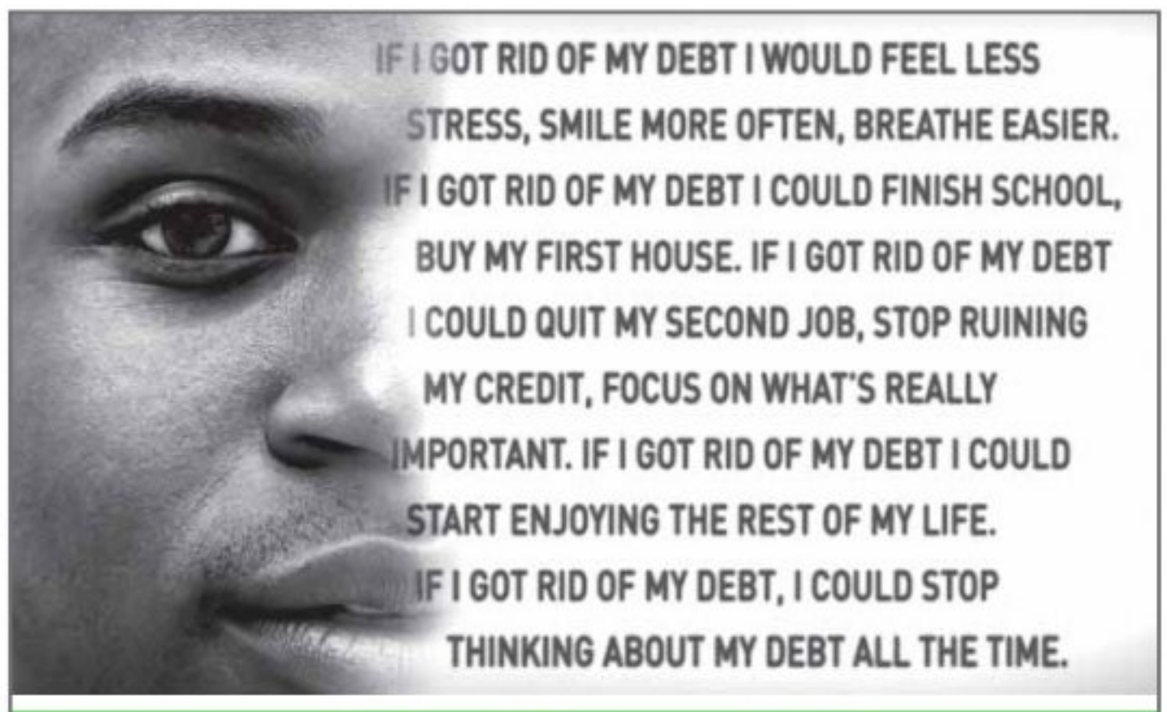
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# Union pick up German player as replacement

- Ink Herdling from Hoffenheim
- Looks to provide offensive spark

The Union announced the signing of Kai Herdling yesterday and he should see time as a temporary replacement for injured midfielder Roger Torres.

The 27-year-old Herdling comes on loan from Bundesliga side 1899 Hoffenheim. It's possible he could play in Saturday's match, upon the completion of his pending paperwork.

Torres is out six to eight weeks after undergoing surgery last Friday to repair a torn left knee. Herdling has appeared in 24 games this season for Hoffenheim II, the club's reserve team. In 2010-11, Herdling tallied 19 goals in 30 outings.

Despite a 1-0 win last weekend, the Union are struggling this season. The club has posted a 1-3-1 record while scoring just three goals. Gabriel Gomez converted a penalty kick in the 38th minute to give the Union their first three points.

"I think it was extremely important for those guys in the locker room to have this feeling and get those three points," manager Peter Nowak said.

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# Phils looking to 'keep grinding'

## Offense still work in progress as team heads to San Francisco Manuel hoping new guys keep it going

The blueprint to the Phillies' success has long been hitting. Long ago, when Ryan Howard and Chase Utley were healthy, and perennial MVP candidates.

Now, that feared juggernaut is gone and the Phils must find new ways to win, like playing small ball. The Phillies, behind aces Roy Halladay, Cliff Lee, Cole Hamels, know they have the pitching to get it done.

"We've been notorious for hitting the long ball and we haven't been able to do it," Hamels said. "All five starters that we have play to win every single game, and we're pretty confident in the guys that we have are really good players."

Skipper Charlie Manuel has been tinkering with his lineup card all season. In the series finale against New York, he got some big contributions from newcomers Ty Wigginton and Laynce Nix. That trend must continue, so the Phillies don't put too much mileage on their millionaire rotation.

"If you don't score runs, eventually it can wear and tear on your pitcher," Manuel said. "We don't want our pitcher to feel like every time he takes the mound he has to throw a shutout or he has to be perfect."

Or, as Hamels noted, "Keep grinding because that's where we show our true colors."

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▶ The Phils are trying hard not to wear out their talented starting pitchers. Cliff Lee gets the nod tomorrow night.

### West Side Story

Roy Halladay faced Tim Lincecum last night (game ended too late) to begin a 10-game West Coast road trip for the Phillies. Here's the rest of the schedule:

- Today, at San Fran, 10:15
  Joe Blanton (1-1, 2.35) vs.
  Mad. Bumgarner (1-1, 3.97)
- Tomorrow, at San Fran, 10:15
  Cliff Lee (0-1, 3.46) vs.
  Matt Cain (1-0, 3.00 ERA)
- Thursday, at San Diego, 10:05
- Friday, at San Diego, 10:05
- Saturday, at San Diego, 8:35
- Sunday, at San Diego, 4:05
- April 23, at Arizona, 9:40
- April 24, at Arizona, 9:40
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